

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
(Small Entity)

Docket No.  
163.1.004

In Re Application Of: Carl Berger

MAR 10 2006

Application No.  
10/719,295

Filing Date  
November 21, 2003

Examiner  
S. Clardy

Customer No.  
N/A

Group Art Unit  
1617

Confirmation No.  
3011

Invention:

**METHODS OF REDUCING THE NICOTINE CONTENT OF TOBACCO PLANTS AND TOBACCO PLANTS OBTAINED THEREBY**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of September 29, 2005 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☒ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: December 29, 2005

*Date*

until: March 29, 2006

*Date*

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is \$510 and is to be paid as follows:

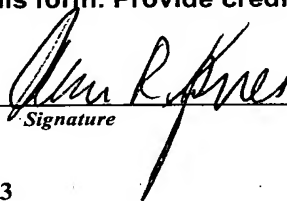
☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0510

☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0510

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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Dated: March 8, 2006

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